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The Honorable Mike Green, Chair  
Senate Subcommittee Appropriations:  
Natural Resources  
805 Farnum Building  
P.O. Box 30036  
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7536

The Honorable Jon Bumstead, Chair  
House Subcommittee Appropriations:  
Natural Resources  
S-1289 House Office Building  
P.O. Box 30014  
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Dear Senator Green and Representative Bumstead:

Pursuant to Section 902, PA 59 of 2013, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is required to submit a report on the Marine Safety Grant Program. The provisions of Section 902 require that the report include the following information for fiscal year (FY) 2012-13:

1. Total revenue received from watercraft registrations: \$9,462,900
2. Watercraft registration revenue deposited in the Marine Safety Fund: \$4,636,800
3. Total expenditures from the Marine Safety Fund: \$4,711,300
4. Breakout of Marine Safety Fund expenditures:
  - Department administration: \$362,600
  - Other state agencies: \$1,598,600
  - Law Enforcement Division: \$1,188,700
  - Grants to counties: \$1,561,400

Note: Amounts rounded to the nearest hundred

Section 902 also requires that the DNR provide a list of the marine safety grants awarded by county, as well as an explanation of the distribution methodology employed in determining the grant awards. A list of the 2013 marine safety operating grants awarded by county is provided as an attachment. For state funds, grants are issued for an entire calendar year, January 1 through December 31. For federal funds, grants are issued for a partial fiscal year, January 1 through September 30. Reimbursement with state funds is provided up to 75 percent of actual expenditures, not to exceed the grant allocation. Reimbursement with federal funds is provided up to 100 percent of actual expenditures, not to exceed the grant allocation.



The 2013 marine safety operating grant awards were determined by targeting 75 percent of the average grant amounts awarded to each county over the past three years (subject to a maximum of \$165,750). Total marine safety program expenditures and past operating grant histories (grants provided and usage) were also considered in arriving at the final grant awards for each county.

No marine safety equipment grants were awarded for 2013. Funding was allocated toward marine safety operating grants in lieu of equipment grants due to limited state and federal funding.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

cc: Senate Subcommittee on Appropriations: Natural Resources Members  
House Subcommittee on Appropriations: Natural Resources Members  
Mr. Josh Sefton, Senate Fiscal Agency  
Ms. Viola Wild, House Fiscal Agency  
Mr. John Nixon, State Budget Director, Department of Technology,  
Management and Budget (DTMB)  
Mr. Jacques McNeely, DTMB  
Ms. Jennifer Harrison, DTMB  
Director Keith Creagh, DNR  
Dr. William E. Moritz, Natural Resources Deputy, DNR  
Mr. Trevor VanDyke, Legislative and Legal Affairs, DNR  
Mr. Gary Hagler, DNR  
Mr. Joseph Frick, DNR  
Mr. Steve DeBrabander, DNR  
Mr. Erik Eklund, DNR